IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/032,686 Filed: October 23, 2001 Inventor(s): Ken-Ming Li and Saleh M. Abdel-Hafeez Title: External Power Ring with Multiple Tapings to Reduce IR Drop in Integrated Circuit	§	Examiner: Loke, Steven Ho Yin Group/Art Unit: 2811 Atty. Dkt. No: 6051-00200	

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF MARCH 9, 2006

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of March 9, 2006, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.